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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Appln. No.: 09/579,502) Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: May 30, 2000)
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AMENDMENT, PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY CITED INFORMATION

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action of January 23, 2004, to May 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The title amendment is shown at page 3, the claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 4, and the Remarks begin at page 10.